

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. Claims 5-13 are withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, the title, the specification, the Abstract, Figs. 1-2, 9-11 and 14 and claims 1-4, 14-15, 17, 19 and 21 are amended and new claims 23-28 have been added. Various amendments are made for clarity and are unrelated to issues of patentability.

The Office Action objects to the drawings and requests that Figures 1 and 2 be labeled as --Prior Art--. In order to further prosecution, Figures 1-2 are labeled "RELATED ART".

The Office Action also objects to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5). More specifically, the Office Action states that item 415 in Fig. 9 is not mentioned in the description. By this Amendment, Fig. 9 is amended to delete item 415. The Office Action also states that items 314 and 316 in Figs. 8a and 8b are not mentioned in the description. By this Amendment, paragraph [0060] of the present specification has been amended to reference items 314 and 316 of Figs. 8a and 8b. No new matter has been added. See, for example, paragraphs [0044], [0045] and [0055] discussing features of Fig. 4. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The Office Action also appears to object to the Abstract. The attached substitute Abstract obviates the grounds for objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action also objects to the specification because of an informality. The above amendment to paragraph [0042] obviates the grounds for objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action also requests a new title. By this Amendment, the title has been amended to --PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL INCLUDING METAL ELECTRODES FORMED ON TRANSPARENT ELECTRODES--.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 4, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments obviate the grounds for rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 is respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 2, 15, and 17-22 contain allowable subject matter. However, as stated below, all claims are believed to contain allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3-4, 14 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) by U.S. Patent 6,531,819 to Nakahara et al. (hereafter Nakahara). The rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the pending claims.

Independent claim 1 recites transparent ITO electrodes which are spaced in parallel to each other at a predetermined distance within a discharge cell, and metal electrodes which are formed on the transparent ITO electrodes and in parallel to the transparent ITO electrodes. Independent claim 1 also recites that central portions of the metal electrodes are

closer to a central portion of the discharge cell than central portions of the transparent ITO electrodes.

Nakahara does not teach or suggest at least these features of independent claim 1. More specifically, Nakahara's Fig. 6 does not suggest that central portions of the bus electrodes are closer to a central portion of the discharge cell than central portions of the display electrodes X, Y. Accordingly, Nakahara does not teach or suggest metal electrodes which are formed on the transparent ITO electrodes and in parallel to the transparent ITO electrodes, wherein central portions of the metal electrodes are closer to a central portion of the discharge cell than central portions of the transparent ITO electrodes, as recited in independent claim 1 (and similarly recited in independent claim 14). Thus, independent claims 1 and 14 define patentable subject matter.

Independent claim 26 recites metal electrodes formed in a discharge cell and formed to be close to a central portion of the discharge cell. For at least similar reasons as set forth above, Nakahara does not teach or suggest metal electrodes formed in a discharge cell and formed to be close to a central portion of the discharge cell as recited in independent claim 26. Thus, independent claim 26 defines patentable subject matter.

For at least the reasons set forth above, each of independent claims 1, 14 and 26 defines patentable subject matter. Each of the dependent claims depends from one of the independent claims and therefore defines patentable subject matter at least for this reason.

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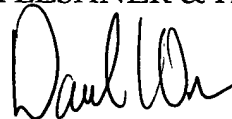
In addition, the dependent claims recite features that further and independently distinguish over the applied references.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-28 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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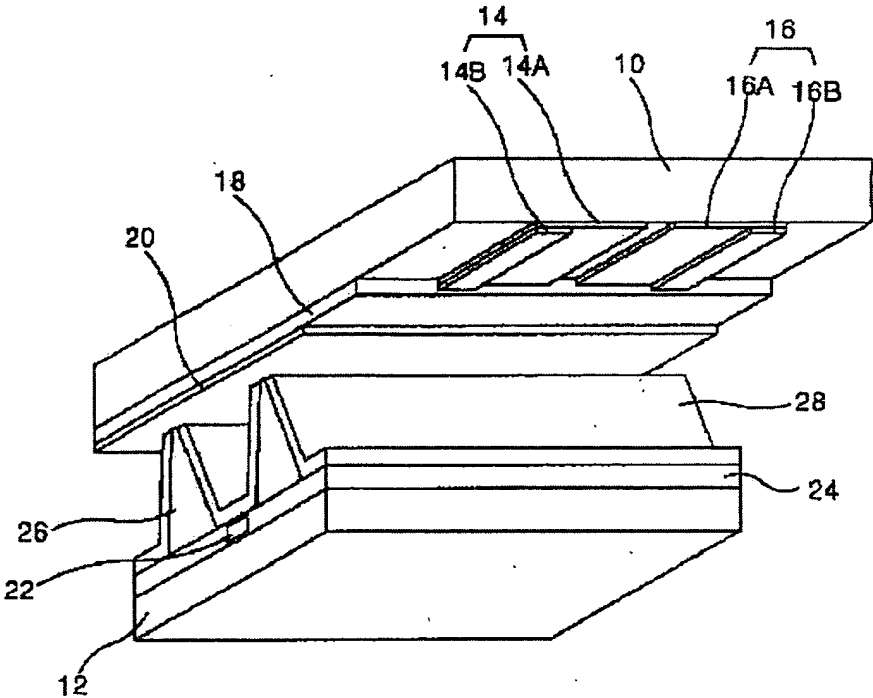
**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

The attached 4 sheets of drawings include proposed changes to Figs. 1-2, 9-11 and 14. The changes have been marked in red. More specifically, Figs. 1-2 have been labeled as "Related Art," item 415 has been deleted from Fig. 9, and corrections have been made to each of Figs. 10, 11 and 14. The attached 4 sheets of "Replacement Sheets" replace the originally-filed sheets.

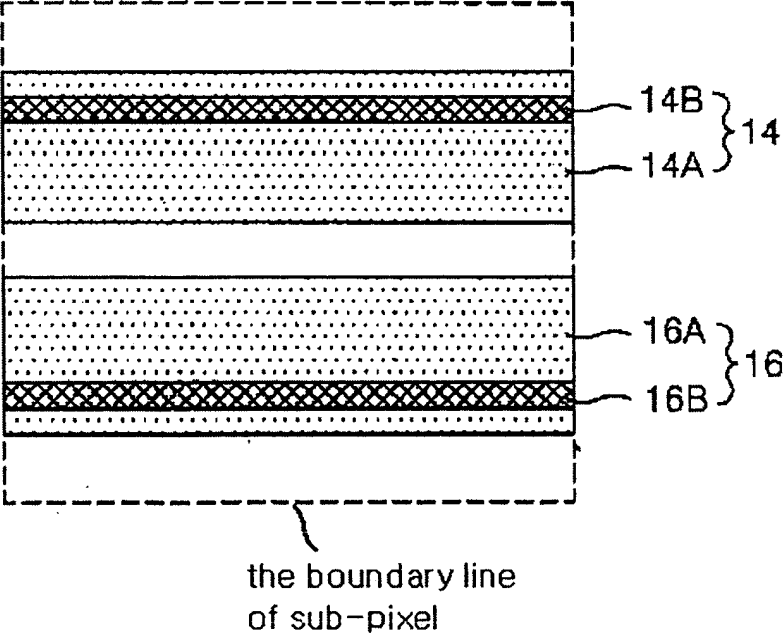
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[Fig. 1] RELATED ART

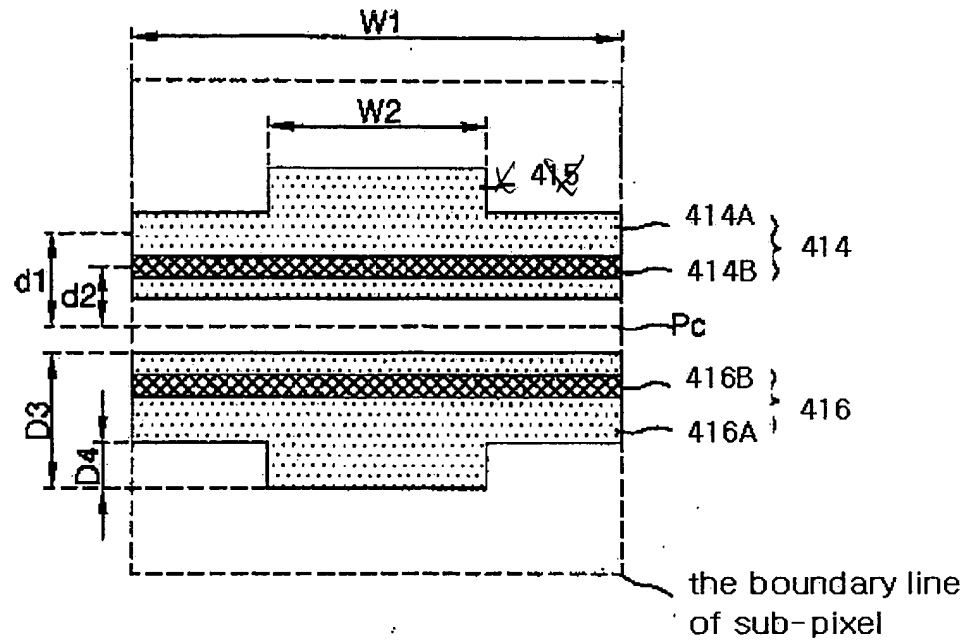


[Fig. 2] RELATED ART

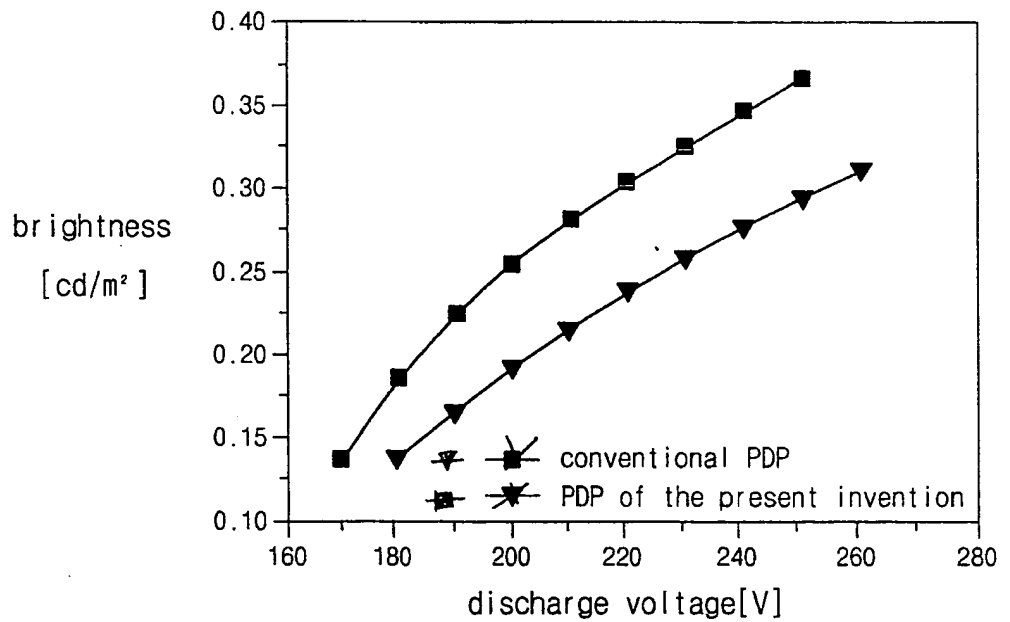


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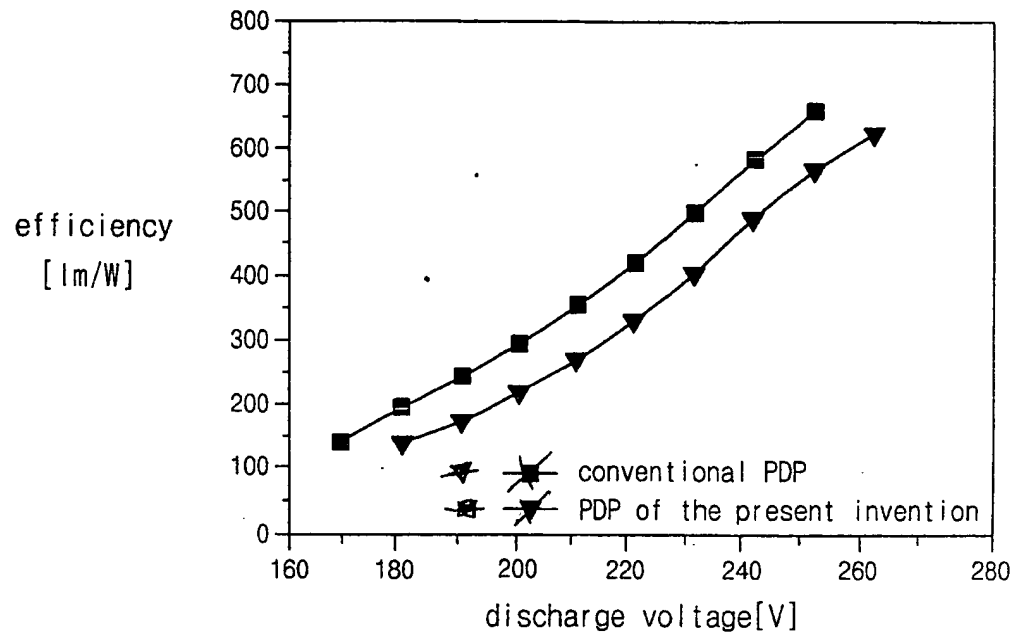


【Fig. 10】

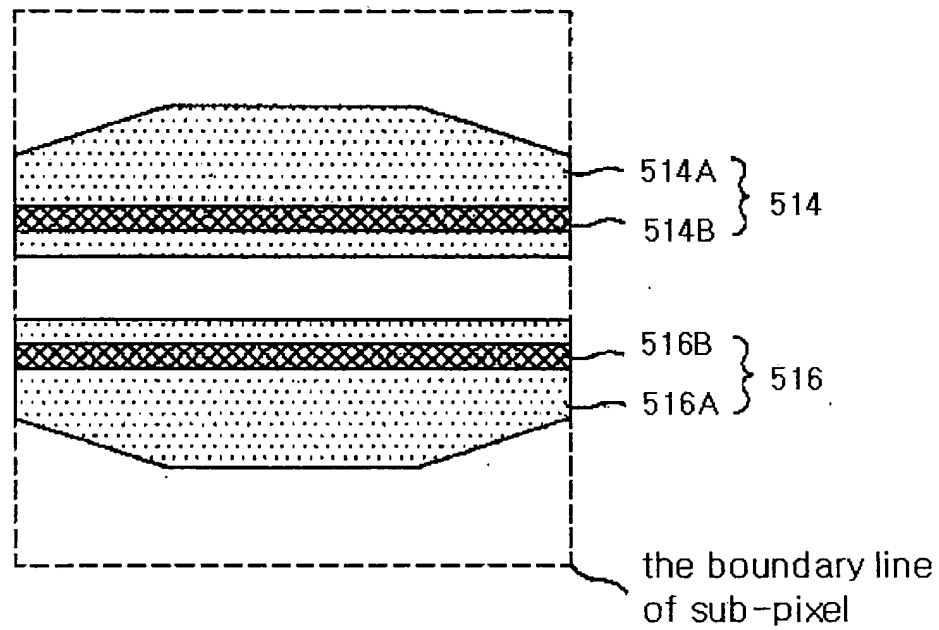


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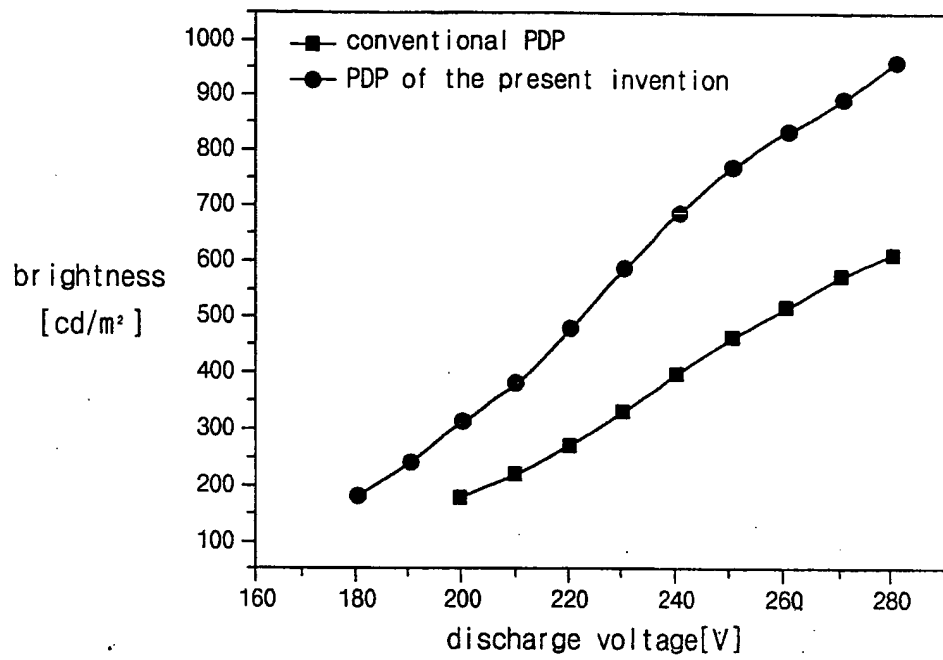
【Fig. 1 2】





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【Fig. 1 3】



【Fig. 1 4】

